[*Translation*]

**Extension of Kachiguda-Jaipur Express upto New Delhi**

4373. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATH RAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received to extend "Kachiguda-Jaipur Express" upto New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

**Smuggling of Wood/Sandalwood**

4374. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the value of wood and sandalwood that has been stolen/smuggled out of the country during 1990-1991 and 1992 till date;

(b) the number of such cases detected and the persons arrested; and

(c) the steps taken to check such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

**Central Assistance to Karnataka for Drugs**

4375. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government provide funds to States for purchasing drugs for supply to poor cancer patients; and

(b) if so, the total amount earmarked for this purpose during 1991-92, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). In Government hospitals treatment is provided to cancer patients either free or at a subsidised cost depending on the financial status of the patients. This Ministry has, however, no scheme for providing financial assistance to State Governments for procurement of drugs for supply to cancer patients.

**Report of World Health Organisation on Disease Patterns**

4376. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation has submitted any report on the disease patterns prevailing in the country;

(b) if so, the main points and recommendations of the report; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to implement those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA ): (a) to (c). According to the information received from the WHO (SEARO), the World Health Organisation has not submitted recently any report on the disease patten prevailing in the country. However, they are in the process of preparing country summaries for the Eighth World Health Situation Report.

[*Translation*]

**Letters from Members of Parliament**

4377. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters/representations/memorandum received by him from the Members of Parliament during the last six months;

(b) the number out of them which have been acknowledged within fifteen days;

(c) the number out of them which were not finally replied to; and

(d) the reasons for not acknowledging within fifteen days and not sending final reply within three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) 1810 such communications were received during the period from 26.6.91 to 20.3.92.

(b) 1389

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and will be paid on the table of the House.

**Passenger Facilities at Stations of U.P.**

4378. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI P.M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger facilities at the main stations of Jaunpur, Salempur and adjoining station on Bhatni-Varanasi section and Amroha in Uttar Pradesh are inadequate; and

(b) if so, the action being contemplated to improve these facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Luggage Charges**

4379. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had announced an increase of 30% in luggage charges as compared to the parcel rates to take effect from January 16, 1992;

(b) if so, whether the passengers travelling in lower class are allowed less quantity of luggage free of charge, if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for such decision in particular and the hike in general?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-